

**REMARKS****I. Introduction**

At the time of the Office Action dated August 28, 2007, claims 1-3, 5, and 6 were pending in this application. Applicant acknowledges, with appreciation, the Examiner's allowance of claim 3. In this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 5, and 6 have been canceled, without prejudice, reserving right to prosecution in a continuation application. Therefore, the present Amendment does not generate any new matter or any new issue for that matter. Accordingly, entry of the present Amendment is solicited pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116.

Claim 3 is a solo active claim in this application.

**II. The Rejection of Claims**

Claims 1 and 5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Funamoto et al.; claim 2 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Funamoto et al. in view of Matsuda et al.; and claim 6 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Funamoto et al. in view of JP 04-264488.

Applicant notes that the rejections of claims 1, 2, 5, and 6 have been rendered moot by the cancellation of those claims. Withdrawal of the rejections of claims is, therefore, respectively solicited.

**III. Conclusion**

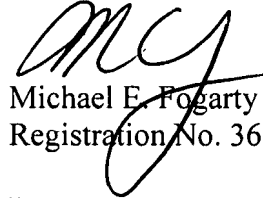
Accordingly, the application is in condition for allowance, an indication of which is respectfully solicited. If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview

or an Examiner's amendment, Examiner is requested to call Applicant's attorney at the telephone number shown below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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